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In re application of: )  
Eric Lietz ) Group No.: 1645  
Serial No.: 09/975,754 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: **Random Truncation And Amplification** )  
**of Nucleic Acid** )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the examination on the merits. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Claims:** ✓

Please cancel claims 21-52.

Claims 1-20 remain in this application.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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